

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received two petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Morgan City post office located in Morgan City, Mississippi. The first petition for review received October 31, 2011 was filed by Wayne E. Walker. The second petition for review received November 4, 2011 was filed by Martha Mullen, Mayor. The earliest postmark date is October 25, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than November 15, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: November 14, 2011

Attachment

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October 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OCT 26 2011

Office of PAGR

As a former Postmaster of Morgan City for 16 years and as a current patron, I feel that the citizens in the town and surrounding area deserve a full time Post Office and a Postmaster. I would like to respond to the "Final Determination to Close the Morgan City, MS, Post Office and Establish Service by Rural Route Service" Docket Number 1373772-38946, Posted 10/04/2011.

I believe there has been ample time to appoint a Postmaster since the last person resigned July 19, 2009, and not appointing a Postmaster in this time period is one of my concerns.

The Itta Bena Post Office is actually 10 miles away from Morgan City, not 8 as stated in the above referenced document.

Residents who currently live within walking distance of the Morgan City Post Office and **utilize not only the Post Office Boxes, but the window service**, would after **the closing of this office** have to travel either to Belzoni, MS, which is 17 miles away; or to Moorhead, MS, which is 17 miles away; or to Itta Bena, MS, which is 10 miles away. The incorporated town of Morgan City plus the surrounding area would have to be served by three (3) separate rural routes and three (3) separate Post Offices. Patrons who do not live in the incorporated city limits but are eligible for delivery currently from Belzoni or from Moorhead rural routes use the Morgan City Post Office Boxes for security and for safety and convenience. Rural Route boxes are subject to theft and vandalism.

Currently, accountable mail is available at approximately 9:40 a.m. at Morgan City. If it is delivered by rural carrier, and customer is not available, it would be after 1:00 p.m. before he could pick it up at any one of the three named Post Offices.

As printed in your PS Form 1093-T dated July 2011, "There are many benefits to

having a PO Box: Privacy; Confidentiality; Efficiency; Security and Accessibility."

Eliminating these Post Office Boxes in Morgan City would negate the efficiency and accessibility and security. Some patrons would have to pay a driver to access any one of the three Post Offices to conduct business.

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You state that Morgan City is not incorporated, and that it is administered politically by Leflore County, but it is incorporated and administered by a Mayor and Board of Alderman.

I do not believe that closing the Morgan City Post Office and replacing it with rural delivery will provide the degree of regular and effective services that are currently available.

The Mississippi Delta has unique needs because of the poverty level of the unemployed, elderly and handicapped on government assistance, and shortage of jobs that pay above minimum wage. These citizens cannot easily access a Post Office that is not in their home town. To further impede their ability to perform postal transactions (buying money orders to pay bills, correspond with family members in other states, send and receive packages, etc.) would be devastating to this community.

The very people in these small towns and rural communities that the United States Postal Service began serving by placing Post Offices within their reach, are now being deprived of this wonderful "service" by the closing of their windows to the world. City residents have always had this convenience and security and will not be affected adversely now. I would like to see the USPS return to its roots of SERVICE instead of upper management referring to it as a "company." There must be a common ground between the two, making the "company" successful in both finances and in people SERVICE.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne E. Walker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wayne E. Walker, Retired Postmaster

Morgan City, MS 38946

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**TOWN OF MORGAN CITY MISSISSIPPI
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Martha Mullen, Mayor

Terry Nix, Alderman
Billy Haggie, Sr., Alderman
Bert Robertson, Alderman

Carolyn Branch, Alderwoman
Royce Moses, Alderwoman
Leslie Addison, City Clerk

October 12, 2011

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Re: Closing of Morgan City Mississippi Post Office
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OCT 31 2011

Office of PAGR

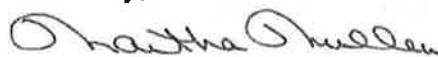
Dear Sirs:

Our post office has received notification dated September 26, 2011 that the final determination has been made to close our post office. As a small rural town in the Mississippi Delta, our local post office is the only communication some of our residents have to the outside world. We are a very poor community and depend on our local post office for delivery of mail which sometimes consists of medicine and financial assistance from our families. The majority of our residents do not have access to computers and internet and some are without televisions and radios. A daily trip to the post office is what some of our elderly citizens look forward to each day.

In the past two years, our small community has received multiple grants which have been used to improve and better our community. Since we are headed in a positive direction, we feel our community will grow and attract more residents. Our post office would be a benefit to any newcomers and certainly is a benefit to those of us here now.

Please accept this petition as our attempt to be re-evaluated for remaining an active facility. The undersigned signatures represent those of us who depend on our Morgan City Mississippi post office.

Sincerely,



Martha Mullen, Mayor

Margaret D. Dwyer	Regenia Hunt
Beth Saffell	Roy L. Brown
Neil Martin	Janet Collins
Mary S. Williams	Walter Moran
Shila Sherrill	Walter C. Cullen
Sheila L. Dwyer	Holly Earley
Janet L. Dwyer	Walter Cullen
Brenda Saffell	Celeste Moses
Mattie W. Johnson	Mary Moses
Lashelia Edwards	Flora Martin
Annie Edwards	Danny Moses
Lashawn R. Johnson	Kimberly Moses
John L. Reed	Robert Small & Tara Stone
Bob Reed	Tara Stone
Barbara Reed	Ferry Johnson
Walter Matthews	Helen G. Swinney
Perry Moore	Edith Thompson
James Thompson	Robert Thompson
Willie L. Scott	Pamela Moore
Willie B. Simmons	Joe Swinney
Dorothy Moore	Sharon Smith
Frederic Smith	Michael Smith
Walter Saffell	Edwina Morris
Bobby Reed	Joseph Robinson
Ben Dwyer	Lois O'Neil
Latasha Edwards	James Saffell
Clarence Johnson	Matthew Saffell
Essie Shaw	Willie C. Sims

Oliver Gray	Robert Haggie
Ernie Shaw	Amos the young
John Boyd	Willie young
Billy Shaw	Frank Miller
Celestine Miller	William S. Randle
Anna Johnson	I am Miller
W. M. Madsen	Ellen Smirvey
Martana Martin	Bert Robertsen
Annie R. Ross	Morgan City Grocery
Albert Smith	Morgan City Water Assn.
James Moore	Steve Pillon
Joshua Thomas	Lyman Hayward
Esther Add	Gerry Nisbet
David McEwan	Jonathan Munch
Lenia Foster	Harry Adams
Desaldine Muller	Lyndal Adams
Kenneth Muller	Morgan City Baptist Church Sec.
Ernest Mueller	John E. Williams
Kyle Mueller	Mary Makamson
Maude Mueller	Just Jolly
Constance Mueller	Shirley Clapp
Leona Mueller	James C. Morgan
Nickie Mueller	Jane A. Morgan (Mrs. F. R. J. N.)
Justin Mueller	Daniel Manner
Corinne Shelton	Eugene Manner
John Clark	Helen Chandler
Northy B. B. B.	Keith Chandler
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